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1. RED STAR JUNE 7 PUBLISHES AN ARTICLE ON DEVELOPMENTS
IN WESTERN MILITARY USE OF OUTER SPACE FOR COMMUNICA-
TIONS PURPOSES AND ON ANTI-SATELLITE WARFARE BY COLONEL
A. ZHOVANIK. REVIEWING MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS SATE-
LLITES PLACED IN GEOSTATIONARY ORBITS, ZHOVANIK DIS-
CUSSES THEIR INTENDED USES IN TIME OF NUCLEAR WAR,
THEIR INCORPORATION OF RADIOISOTOPE POWER SOURCES,
AND THEIR CURRENT INSUFFICIENCIES. HE MENTIONS, INTER
ALIA, THE LES, THE DSCS-2, AND THE PROJECTED DEVELOPMENT
OF THE DSCS-3 SYSTEMS. AFTER DISCUSSING MILITARY SPACE
COMMUNICATIONS, ZHOVANIK MOVES TO ALLEGED U.S. PLANS
TO DEVELOP AN ASAT CAPABILITY AND TO DEVELOP DEFENSIVE
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MEASURES AGAINST ASATS. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY
STATING THAT PLANNED MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS
MUST MAKE EXTENSIVE USE OF OUTER SPACE.

2. COMMENT: BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. ALTHOUGH RED
STAR MAY HAVE HAD SEVERAL PURPOSES IN MIND IN PUBLISHING
THIS ARTICLE, CLEARLY ITS DISCUSSION OF ASAT QUESTIONS

IS TIED TO THE OPENING OF SOVIET-U.S. NEGOTIATIONS ON
THIS SUBJECT. MATLOCK

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